

HB 1831-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that "commercial livestock" means cattle, sheep, and horses held or raised by a person for sale, trade, or barter, and from which the person derives an annual income from the sales of the animals in excess of ten thousand dollars.

Declares that "predatory wildlife" means bears and cougars.

Provides that, pursuant to this act, the director or the director's designee may distribute money appropriated to reimburse the owner of commercial livestock that has been killed by predatory wildlife, or injured by predatory wildlife to such a degree that the commercial value of the commercial livestock has been diminished. Each individual animal represents one claim, and each claim must be paid the fair market value of the killed or injured animal as determined by the director upon recommendation of the department of agriculture.